



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held October 28, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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At the time and place regularly set, notice having been duly given, the following item was called up:

De novo hearing on Project No. 2007-01829-(5), Conditional Use Permit Case No. 200700137-(5), and Mitigated Negative Declaration, to authorize construction, operation and maintenance of a bio-refinery that will convert 170 tons per day of cellulosic material from the neighboring landfill and other local sources to ethanol on property located at 580 East Avenue F, in the unincorporated community of Antelope Valley, Lancaster Zoned District, applied for by William Davis on behalf of Bluefire Ethanol, as further described in the attached letter dated July 24, 2008 from the Director of Planning. (Appeal from Regional Planning Commission's approval)

All persons wishing to testify were sworn in by the Executive Officer of the Board. Mark Child, representing the Department of Regional Planning, Roy Dull, L.A. City Fire Department and Brett Banks representing Antelope Valley Quality Management Department testified. Opportunity was given for interested persons to address the Board. Greg McLaffarty, Daniel Villao, John Dunlap, Joe McDonough, Lyle Talbot and Neco Sumait addressed the Board. Written correspondence was presented.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"The Bluefire Ethanol Project will lessen pressure on landfills by diverting 170 tons of green waste and wood waste and converting it into ethanol. This will help our region meet its AB 32 mandated goal of reducing our CO2 footprint by 30% by the year 2020 and reduce tailpipe emissions. The project will employ a skilled labor pool of 18 employees that will contribute to the local economy. The Regional Planning Commission unanimously approved the Bluefire Project, which is also supported the Association of Rural Town Councils."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board closed the hearing and took the following actions:

1. Denied the appeal filed by R. Lyle Talbot;
2. Approved and adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project; certified its completion, and determined that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant impact upon the environment; and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County;
3. Indicated its intent to approve Project No. R2007-01829-(5), and Conditional Use Permit Case No. 200700137-(5);
4. Directed the County Counsel and the Director of Planning to modify the conditions of approval to:
 - Prohibit the operator from accepting sewer sludge, bio-solids, hazardous waste, liquid waste, medical waste, radioactive waste, and waste tires as feedstock for the ethanol plant;
 - Create a Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") to serve as a liaison between the operator and the community. The CAC shall be appointed by the Supervisor of the Fifth District and shall meet bi-annually for the first two years after issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the project, and thereafter as often as deemed appropriate by the committee. Representatives of the operator and the County Departments of Environmental Health, Fire, Public Works, and Regional Planning shall serve as ex-officio members of the CAC; and

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5. Instructed County Counsel to prepare the necessary findings and conditions for final approval and to bring them back to the Board as soon as possible.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
County Counsel
Director of Planning
Acting Director of Public Works
William Davis
R. Lyle Talbot
Greg McLaffarty
Daniel Villao
John Dunlap
Joe McDonough
Necy Sumait